THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, as reported by Delhi Administration, on August, 1990 the estimated number of unauthorised colonies were 1207 of which 607 were covered by the decision to regularies unauthorised colonies in 1977.

Unauthorised construction is a continuing problem and as and when these are detected action is taken by the local agencies under the relevant laws.

Rohini Housing Complex

911. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rohini a biggest planned housing colony in Delhi is having a number of problem like unauthorised construction and land grabbing; and

(b) if so, whether Government are taking steps to remove the encroachments to complete the Rohini housing complex ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) DDA have reported that in Rohini area, in the 33 sites wherein encroachments have come to their notice, 1169 structures were removed in 10 clearance operations carried out between April and October, 1992. Rohini housing complex can be completed after required land and infrastructure become available.

Shortage of water in Delhi

912. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi is facing acute water scarcity because of its failure to cope up with the demand;

(b) whether the Delhi Administration is negotiating with other adjoining States for supply of more water to Delhi; and

(c) if so, whether any fruitful result has been achieved so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir. However, it is true that water shortage is experienced in some parts of Delhi during summer and at other times due to shortage of raw water and problems of distribution.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Negotiations are in progress with neighbouring states to meet future requirements of raw water for Delhi.

Clearing the backlog of Houses

913. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to clear the becklog in the field of construction of houses and to eliminate malpractices from the DDA through the private builders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) DDA has reported that it plans to clear the backlog of housing registrants under various scheme subject to availability of land, infarstructural services and finance. The DDA has been implementing the accelerated housing projects with the objective of speeding up house construction. Presently, DDA executes its construction and development works through private contractors after inviting tenders. The work is supervised by the DDA staff in accordance with the terms and conditions and specifications laid down in the contract and Vigilance Section, investigates complaints of malpractices.

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914. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इण्डिया गेट पर महात्मा गांधी की प्रतिमा प्रतिष्ठापित करने का निर्णय ले लिया गया है;